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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Resolutions of Appreciation for Paul Cohen and Cynthia Murray for Support through the CMIA Bond Funding Process, Agenda Item 5

Dear Commissioners:

Executive Summary

In the last three months, TAM staff along with a number of key supporters have been fighting to bring funds to Marin from the first element of the Transportation Infrastructure Bond, the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account. While following the obvious paths of approval through Caltrans and MTC for our candidates to be considered, the most critical work occurred the last two weeks of February, where the ED and key supporters lobbied relentlessly for funds. Two key participants in that effort were San Rafael City Councilmember Paul Cohen, who worked tirelessly with CTC Commissioner Bob Alvarado to secure the \$20 Million in funds for the I-580/Hwy 101 Connector improvements, and Cynthia Murray, Executive Director of the North Bay Leadership Council, who traveled willingly around the state, to meetings and events, enthusiastically testifying for the Marin Sonoma Narrows and the I-580/Hwy 101 connector improvements.

In the 24 hours leading up to final CTC approval on February 28th, it was still unknown if Marin County would receive any funds. Fortunately, at the final meeting of the CTC in Irvine, Marin secured the full \$20 Million for the I-580/Hwy 101 connector, and an \$82.4 Million down payment for the Marin-Sonoma Narrows. This could not have happened without the efforts of these two individuals.

Staff bring Resolutions of Appreciation to the full TAM Board, recognizing the efforts of Paul and Cynthia, who helped us achieve our success.

Recommendation: Approve Resolutions of Appreciation for Paul Cohen and Cynthia Murray.